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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING--MARCH 12-13,BONN

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BEGIN SUMMARY: BESIDES U.S./EC RELATIONS AND MBFR/ARMS

CONTROL (SEPTELS - NOTAL), MARCH 12-13 EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING IN BONN COVERED WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING RELATIONS WITH ARABS AND ISRAEL, DIALOGUE WITH CANADA, CSCE, EUROPEAN UNION REPORT, EC CRISIS MANAGEMENT, EC SUMMIT AND AFRICA. REPORT ON MARCH 14 ASIA WORKING GROUP MEETING ALSO BEING TREATED BY SEPTEL. HIGHLIGHTS OF PC DISCUSSION FOLLOW, PER BRIEFING BY FONOFF CHIEF FOR EC POL INTEGRATION. END SUMMARY

1. MIDEAST - ARABS. FONOFF REP SAID THE NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT STILL HAS NOT GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT FOR CARRYING OUT THE EC DEMARCHES IN THE 19 ARAB CAPITALS PLUS SOMALIA; SOURCE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER DELAY WAS OF PROCEDURAL CHARACTER OR WHETHER DIFFERING SUBSTANTIVE VIEWS OF USG AND/OR NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT INVOLVED. IF AND WHEN LONDON GIVES OK, AIDE-MEMOIRE WILL BE DELIVERED IN THE 20 CAPITALS. MIDEAST EXPERT GROUP WILL THEN MEET AGAIN TO RETURN TO OTHER OPEN QUESTIONS, SUCH AS POSSIBLE EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL PEACE GUARANTEES, CHARACTER OF POSSIBLE JOINT COMMISSION WORK AND DENIAU AND DUTCH PLANS FOR ECONOMIC/TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND AID FOR WAR STRUCK AREAS OF THE MIDEAST. IN THE MEAN-TIME, THE PC HAS ASKED THE EC COMMISSION TO STUDY FURTHER POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH THE ARAB STATES IN VIEW OF THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CHARACTER OF SUCH COOPERATION AND THE PARTICULAR COMPETENCES OF THE EC COMMISSION. SOURCE SAID THE QUESTION OF EC RELATIONS WITH THE PALESTINIANS DID NOT COME UP AT THE PC MEETING.

2. MIDEAST - ISRAEL. POLITICAL DIRECTORS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED EC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL IN LIGHT OF ABBA EBAN'S FEB 12 DISCUSSION IN TEL AVIV WITH THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR (BONN 3099 - PARA 6 AND 7). IT WAS AGREED THAT, SHOULD UK PERMIT INITIAL DEMARCHE TO ARABS AND SHOULD ARABS PROVIDE INITIAL POSITIVE REPLY, ISRAEL WOULD BE INFORMED OF THE CONTENTS OF THE ARAB REPLY AND AN INITIAL ANSWER WOULD BE GIVEN BY THE NINE TO EBAN'S DEMARCHE. AT THAT POINT, THE MIDEAST EXPERT GROUP WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDERTAKE A MORE DETAILED STUDY OF WHAT TYPE OF COOPERATION MIGHT BE DEVELOPED WITH ISRAEL. SOURCE STRESSED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE UNDERDEVELOPED ARAB WORLD AND ISRAEL AND SAID TEL AVIV SEEMED MAINLY INTERESTED IN ITS ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE EEC. SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE PARTICULAR VIEWS OF PARIS, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO EMPHASIZE BILATERAL AND EEC TIES, VICE POLITICAL COOPERATION CONTACTS BETWEEN THE NINE AND

ISRAEL.

3. EC/CANADA. FRG POL DIRECTOR VAN WELL REPORTED TO HIS
8 EC COLLEAGUES ON CANADIAN POL DIRECTOR HALSTEAD'S
MARCH 11 DEMARCHE IN BONN CONCERNING TRADE AGREEMENT AND
STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (BONN 3962 AND EC BRUSSELS 1511).
THE OTHER 8 SAID THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN THEIR
CAPITALS HAD MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHES. THE PC THEREFORE
ASKED EC COMMISSION REPS TO UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY TALKS
WITH THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE EC IN ORDER TO PROBE
OTTAWA'S THINKING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TRADE
AGREEMENT. MEANWHILE, THE NINE WILL AWAIT THE TEXTS OF
THE PROPOSED COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT AND STATEMENT OF
PRINCIPLES, WHICH STILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE

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CANADIAN CABINET. OUR SOURCE SAID THE FRENCH HAVE
TABLED A SHORT DRAFT OF A STATEMENT OF EC/CANADIAN
PRINCIPLES BUT THE PC DECIDED TO DEFER EXAMINATION OF
THE FRENCH TEXT UNTIL THE CANADIAN DRAFT WAS ALSO
AVAILABLE (FYI - THE NINE HAVE NOT ADVISED CANADA OF THE
FRENCH TEXT SO THIS SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL).
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4. CSCE. FONOFF REP SAID THE ITALIANS TABLED A PROPOSED
DECLARATION ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CSCE MEMBER STATES
AND THE NON-EUROPEAN STATES OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN REGION. SOURCE SAID THERE WAS BROAD
SUPPORT FOR TREATING THIS PROBLEM TACTICALLY IN THE
CONTEXT OF A SEPARATE CONFERENCE DOCUMENT RATHER THAN
DEALING WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEM IN A NUMBER OF
CSCE DOCUMENTS. THE PC ALSO DECIDED THAT THIS PROBLEM
SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WITH NON-
EUROPEAN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS IN NATO. THE
ITALIAN DRAFT TREATS ECONOMIC COOPERATION, RENUNCIATION
OF FORCE AND DETENTE ALSO IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION.
SOURCE SAID CSCE, AND PARTICULARLY THE PAPER CONCERNING
THE FINAL DRAFTING PHASE OF THE COMMITTEE STAGE WILL
BE A MAJOR SUBJECT AT THE APRIL 18-19 PC IN BONN; THE
CSCE EXPERT GROUP AND AD HOC GROUP (ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS)
WILL CONVENE IN BONN APRIL 17, PRIOR TO THE PC MEETING.

5. EC SUMMIT. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT DISCORD WITHIN THE
COMMUNITY, OUR SOURCE SAID THAT THE PC DISCUSSION OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION REPORT AND A MAY 27-28 EC SUMMIT PRODUCED
NO CONSENSUS. VAN WELL REPORTED THAT CHANCELLOR
BRANDT, IN HIS CAPACITY AS EC PRESIDENT, WOULD NOT BE
PREPARED TO DECIDE ON THE HOLDING OF A SUMMIT BEFORE THE
END OF APRIL. THE GERMANS WILL BE PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN WHAT THEY HEAR MARCH 21-22 FROM UK FOREIGN
SECRETARY CALLAGHAN. IN THE MEANTIME, THE FONOFF WORKING
LEVEL IS GOING AHEAD WITH NECESSARY SUBSTANTIVE AND
PROCEDURAL PREPARATIONS IN CASE THE CHANCELLOR AND THE
OTHER 8 CHIEFS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT WISH TO HAVE A
SPRING EC SUMMIT. SHOULD THE DECISION BE POSITIVE,

CONSIDERABLE LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS WILL BE
REQUIRED IN MAY IN ORDER TO AVOID "ANOTHER COPENHAGEN."

6. EUROPEAN UNION REPORT. H OUR SOURCE SAID PRESENT
UNCERTAINTY IN THE COMMUNITY HAD PRODUCED TWO SEEMINGLY
CONTRADICTORY TENDENCIES--"MORALE BOOSTING" TYPE STATE-
MENTS AND COLDLY REALISTIC APPRAISALS OF WHAT IS
POSSIBLE IN THE SHORT RUN. ON THE ONE HAND, THERE WERE
THE STATEMENTS OF EC COMMISSIONER SPINELLI AND FOREIGN
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MINISTER SCHEEL PROPOSING THE DRAFTING OF A EUROPEAN
CONSTITUTION "BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE--
THE PARLIAMENTARIANS--RATHER THAN IN CABINET ROOMS AND
OFFICES." ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WAS BRANDT'S
PRESENTLY SOBER ESTIMATE OF SHORT-TERM PROSPECTS FOR EC
INTEGRATION AND FONOFF REPS JUDGMENT THAT THE GERMAN
PRESIDENCY WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO GET BEYOND CATALOG OF
THE PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED IN EVENTUAL PREPARATION OF
A EUROPEAN UNION REPORT. AT THE PC MEETING, IT WAS
LEFT TO THE PRESIDENCY TO DRAFT A LIST OF SUBJECTS ON
WHICH THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MIGHT MAKE A CONTRIBUTION
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION REPORT; THE PROCEDURE FOR THIS
CONTRIBUTION, HOWEVER, WAS LEFT OPEN. IN A SIMILAR
VEIN, THE PC NOTED THE WISH OF THE MINISTERS AT THE
MARCH 4 BRUSSELS MEETING THAT EC CRISIS MANAGEMENT
ARRANGEMENTS BE FURTHER ELABORATED. HOWEVER, THE

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PC DEFERRED A DECISION ON HOW TO CONTINUE THIS STUDY UNTIL THEIR MEETING NEXT MONTH. FINALLY, DESPITE SCHEEL'S STATED INTEREST IN DEVELOPING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PC AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (BONN 3614 - PARA 8), PUAUX INDICATED THAT PARIS WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE NEW PROPOSALS AND WOULD NOT GO BEYOND PARA 10
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OF THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE ON THIS TOPIC.

7. OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS. THE PC AGREED THAT THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE AFRICA WORKING GROUP, WHICH WILL DEAL AT DUTCH REQUEST WITH AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA AND PARTICULARLY THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES, WILL CONVENE JUST BEFORE OR AFTER EASTER. DUE TO PRESSURE OF TIME, PROPOSAL FOR A LATIN AMERICA WORKING GROUP, TO DEAL INITIALLY WITH THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE, WAS NOT CONSIDERED. THE LATIN AMERICA WORKING GROUP MAY BE ESTABLISHED AT THE NEXT PC MEETING IN APRIL. DUE TO ACCIDENT IN MOSCOW OF FRG CHAIRMAN, THE EAST EUROPEAN WORKING GROUP HAS NOT YET HELD A SECOND MEETING. THE ASIA WORKING GROUP MET MARCH 14 TO DISCUSS CHINA, NORTH KOREA, NORTH VIETNAM, THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE OIL

PROBLEMS FOR ASIAN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE WILL BE REPORTING ON THIS
BY SEPTEL. THE PC DID NOT DISCUSS EC RELATIONS WITH
JAPAN OR A POSSIBLE TRIREGIONAL DECLARATION.
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